

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2008
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
22710 E COUNTRY VISTA DRIVE
7:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION

Given by Council Member Langford

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Van Orman, City Council and Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Van Orman called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Jenkins
Mayor Pro Tem Sayrs
Council Member Owens
Council Member Crump
Council Member Schuler
Council Member Olander (late)
Council Member Langford

Doug Smith, Director, Community Dev.
Cindy Smith, City Clerk (absent)
Brian Asmus, Chief of Police
Sean Boutz, City Attorney
Jessica Platt, Admin. Services Mgr.

Council Member Crump announced that Council Member Olander would be arriving late and moved that he be excused, seconded by Council Member Owens. Mayor Van Orman called for the vote. Motion Approved. In Favor: Unanimous; Opposed: None

AGENDA APPROVAL

Council Member Jenkins moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Council Member Crump. Mayor Van Orman called for the vote. Motion Approved. In Favor: Unanimous; Opposed: None

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Member Crump moved to accept the City Council Minutes of May 6, 2008 as amended, seconded by Council Member Jenkins. Mayor Van Orman called for the vote. Motion Approved. In Favor: Unanimous; Opposed: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Tom Brattebo, PO Box 57, Liberty Lake, presented a Certificate of Recognition to the City of Liberty Lake, for the City's commitment to enhance and maintain air quality in the community by encouraging residents to avoid unnecessary idling.

Assistant Chief Larry Rider, 19324 E. Buckeye, Otis Orchards, reported that the Spokane County Commissioners approved an Emergency Ordinance banning people from the Spokane River. He reiterated "It is very dangerous, so please stay out of river."

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Schuler thanked the City Council for excusing her from the last City Council Meeting. Council Member Schuler had traveled to see her son who returned from Iraq, and shared that 300 - 400 soldiers had come home. Council Member Schuler wanted to remind everyone to remember those soldiers who have died serving our country.

Council Member Crump reported that the Finance Committee had met and talked about the Quarterly Report, Annual Audit Report, and Annual Report Summary. The committee reviewed vouchers, looked at projected revenues and expenditures for the short and long term, and modified and adopted budgets. Other items discussed were:

- Wednesday, June 21st, between 9 and noon, there will be intermittent interruptions at the I-90 on and off ramps.
- State-wide Prevention Policy Conference on May 13th
 - Setting policy for health and mental health.
- State Board of Health Meeting in San Juan to discuss:
 - Immunization concerns
 - Newborn screening conditions
 - Looking at school environmental health and safety provisions.

Mayor Van Orman clarified that the overhead lines on the corner of Appleway and Liberty Lake Drive will be going underground and that is why I-90 will have minor traffic disruptions.

LIBRARY BOARD OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Van Orman swore in Linda Dockrey as the newest Library Board Trustee.

PROCLAMATIONS

Jessica Platt read a proclamation declaring the month of May 2008 as Older Americans Month.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda

Council Member Crump moved to accept the vouchers totaling \$496,639.22, seconded by Council Member Owens. Council Member Crump pointed out that the \$20,000 on the cover sheet should actually be \$22,000 but the total matches at the bottom of the Consent Agenda. Mayor Van Orman called for the vote. Motion Accepted. In Favor: Unanimous; Opposed: None

Check sequences were: 9596 through 9661

Approval of Agreement for Participation in WRIAS

Council Member Crump moved to approve of the Memorandum of Agreement for Implementing the Detailed Implementation Plan for WRIAS, seconded by Council Member Owens.

Doug Smith explained that the City of Liberty Lake would continue to participate for another 4 years and that there was to no monetary commitment just participation. Mayor Van Orman called for the vote. Motion Passed. In Favor: Unanimous; Opposed: None

Consideration of FOPP Funding Request

Mayor Van Orman gave a brief summary of the request and stated that a line item was put in the 2008 budget for \$40,000.

Dave Himebaugh, President for the Board of FOPP, thanked the City for sponsoring them in past, and reiterated the City Council had approved the 2008 FOPP budget with assumption of \$40,000 from the City of Liberty Lake. He said based upon cash flow projections, the FOPP will go into the red by the time the Holiday Ball comes around. Mr. Himebaugh reminded the City Council that the FOPP are all volunteers. He submitted four invoices to the City Council.

Council Member Crump stated that some communication letters in the packets came across as more of a dialogue and not representing the entire board. He clarified that Mr. Himebaugh was not asking for \$40,000, but that the FOPP was asking for reimbursement of \$18,000 that has been spent. Council Member Crump said, "I support this and what the volunteers are doing is valuable." Council Member Crump explained the audit trail that the City must abide by for the auditors.

Council Member Jenkins commented that the City set aside \$40,000 on a case by case basis. "We like to know what we are investing in." Mayor Van Orman thanked the FOPP for putting on the concerts. She said, "The concert series is what makes this community a memorable place to live."

Discussions pursued over in-kind services, the City's participation over the last 7 years, concern about volunteers being burned out and taking on additional parks, funds being recognized from the Holiday Ball, and having another event where the community would get together to give money.

Council Member Crump said, "The City Council budgeted \$40,000 and I am comfortable with reimbursement up to \$40,000."

Council Member Olander entered the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Council Member Owens said she agreed to the \$40,000 in budget. "We had a disagreement about paying the vouchers upfront a few weeks ago and have reconciled, so I see no problem with paying the vouchers."

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 67-A – An Ordinance of the City of Liberty Lake, Amending Ordinance No. 67, Passed on September 2001 Entitled "Adopting Business Licensing Regulations for the City of Liberty Lake."

Ordinance No. 169 - An Ordinance Of The City Of Liberty Lake, Washington, Modifying A Speed Limit On A City Street Including Authority To Alter Such Speed Limit And Providing For The Posting Of Traffic Control Devices.

Jessica Platt, Administrative Services Manager, read Ordinance No. 67-A and 169 into the record. It was recommended that both ordinances go back to the committees for review and endorsement.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS

Animal Control

Doug Smith, Director of Community Development, stated this workshop is to begin further conversations on the issue of animal control. The City is going into conversations with Spokane County and here locally with what the City can do. It was suggested that this opportunity could be used as a forum to collect interest, outside of the Public Safety Committee, for a committee to discuss this further and bring back to staff recommendations of animal control, and further recommendations on the relationship with City and SCRAPS.

Council Member Olander said he had brought up the recommendation to provide additional regulations of dogs in parks, especially at the symphony. Two months ago it was brought up at committee as to who would look into this - Public Safety and/or to create a task force. Council Member Olander felt that dogs do not belong in playgrounds or picnic areas.

After further discussions on how the entire region is realigning how animal control is being provided, and having uniformity within service area, Mayor Pro Tem Sayrs stated this should go before each of the committees.

Council Member Crump stated, "This a public safety issue. The Public Safety Committee can bring it to the Finance Committee to look at the financial ramifications. There is a benefit to look at animal control because of animals running free during concerts and because there are people that have allergies and a fear of dogs. The concert series needs to be enjoyable for everyone. That is why I

recommend that it be addressed by the Public Safety Committee, have them take the draft to the Finance Committee to look at dollars, and then the Public Safety Committee can present it to the City Council."

UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS

None

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Hope Brumbach introduced herself as the new editor for Splash. Ms. Brumbach said she was looking forward to covering the City Council and the rest of the community.

Mayor Van Orman called an Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss real estate acquisition and announced there would be no decisions made afterward.

Mayor Van Orman called a brief break and Executive Session started at 8:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

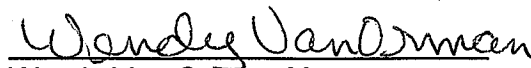
With all council members present, it was moved and seconded to adjourn into Executive Session as per RCW 42.30.110(g) to discuss a real estate acquisition. By unanimous vote the motion was approved.


Mayor Van Orman called meeting into regular session at 10:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion, the Meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

These Minutes are approved this 3rd day of June, 2008.


Wendy Van Orman, Mayor
City of Liberty Lake


Notes by Jessica Platt, and Transcription by Cindy Smith, City Clerk. This Council Meeting was audio taped. Anyone desiring to listen to the recording may contact the City Clerk.